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In the Claims:

Claims 1 and 2 are canceled. The remaining claims are not amended in this response.

- 1. (canceled)
- 2. (canceled)
- 3. (original) A rapid cycle pressure swing adsorption oxygen concentrator comprising
 - a sieve tank having
- a first molecular sieve bed filled with molecular sieve materials;
- a second molecular sieve bed filled with molecular sieve materials; and
- an oxygen storage bed communicating with both the first and the second molecular sieve beds and having a concentrated oxygen outlet tubing; and
 - a mechanical valve mounted on the sieve tank and comprising
- a mounting bracket mounted on the sieve tank and having an inner space, an intake air entrance adapted to connect to a compressed air source and an exhausting exit;
- a valve actuator mounted on the mounting bracket and comprising
 - a motor mounted on the mounting bracket;

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a rotating shaft mounted in the inner space of the mounting bracket and being rotated by the motor;

five cams mounted on the rotating shaft and rotated by the rotating shaft; and

five cam-actuated valves mounted in the inner space of the mounting bracket, corresponding respectively to the five cams and comprising a first valve interconnecting the first molecular sieve bed with the exhausting exit, a second valve interconnecting the intake air entrance with the first molecular sieve bed, a third valve interconnecting the first molecular sieve bed with the second molecular sieve bed, a fourth valve interconnecting the intake air entrance with the second molecular sieve bed and a fifth valve interconnecting the second molecular sieve bed with the exhausting exit.

- 4. (original) The rapid cycle pressure swing adsorption oxygen concentrator as claimed in claim 3, wherein the motor is a stepper motor.
- 5. (original) The rapid cycle pressure swing adsorption oxygen concentrator as claimed in claim 4, wherein each of the cam-actuated flow control valves is a 2-position, 2-way air pilot directional control valve.
- 6. (original) The rapid cycle pressure swing adsorption oxygen concentrator as claimed in claim 5, wherein the valve

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actuator further comprises a covering housing mounted on the mounting bracket to enclose the inner space.